IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1 to 33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus which comprises plural card slots in which plural kinds of detachable memory cards are respectively inserted, comprising:

a reading unit configured to read out data from memory cards inserted in the card slots;

an access control unit configured to set a card slot as an accessible card slot which the reading unit can access and to set a card slot other than the accessible card slot as inaccessible;

a checking unit configured to check whether a memory card is inserted in each of the plural card slots, in order; and

a determining unit configured to determine which card slot has been set to have a priority relative to others of the plural card slots,

wherein, in a case where a first memory card is inserted in a first checked card slot which is first checked by the checking unit, the access control unit sets the first checked card slot in which the first memory card is inserted as the accessible card slot if the determining unit determines that the first checked card slot has been set to have the

priority, and sets a second card slot in which a second memory card is inserted as the accessible card slot if the determining unit determines that the first checked card slot has not been set to have the priority and the checking unit finds that the second memory card is inserted in the second card slot,

wherein the second card slot is a card slot other than the first checked card slot in which the first memory card is inserted, and

wherein, in a case where the first memory card is inserted in the first checked card slot but the second memory card is not inserted in the second card slot and the access control unit has set the first checked card slot as inaccessible, the access control unit resets the first checked card slot in which the first memory card is inserted as the accessible card slot.

35. to 36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image processing apparatus which comprises plural card slots in which plural kinds of detachable memory cards are respectively inserted, comprising:

reading out data from memory cards inserted in the card slots;

setting a card slot as an accessible card slot which can be accessed to read data and setting a card slot other than the accessible card slot as inaccessible;

checking whether a memory card is inserted in each of the plural card slots, in order; and

determining which card slot has been set to have a priority relative to others of the plural card slots,

wherein, in a case where a first memory card is inserted in a first checked card slot which is first checked by the checking step, the first checked card slot in which the first memory card is inserted is set as the accessible card slot if the determining step determines that the first checked card slot has been set to have the priority, and wherein a second card slot in which a second memory card is inserted is set as the accessible card slot if the determining step determines that the first checked card slot has not been set to have the priority and the checking step finds that the second memory card is inserted in the second card slot,

wherein the second card slot is a card slot other than the first checked card slot in which the first memory card is inserted, and

wherein, in a case where the first memory card is inserted in the first checked card slot but the second memory card is not inserted in the second card slot and the first checked card slot has been set as inaccessible, the first checked card slot in which the first memory card is inserted is reset as the accessible card slot.

38. to 39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer-executable program for controlling an image processing apparatus which comprises plural card slots in which plural kinds of detachable memory cards are respectively inserted, said program comprising the steps of:

reading out data from memory cards inserted in the card slots;

setting a card slot as an accessible card slot which can be accessed to read data and setting a card slot other than the accessible card slot as inaccessible;

checking whether a memory card is inserted in each of the plural card slots, in order; and

determining which card slot has been set to have a priority relative to others of the plural card slots,

wherein, in a case where a first memory card is inserted in a first checked card slot which is first checked in the checking step, the first checked card slot in which the first memory card is inserted is set as the accessible card slot if the determining step determines that the first checked card slot has been set to have the priority, and wherein a second card slot in which a second memory card is inserted is set as the accessible card slot if the determining step determines that the first checked card slot has not been set to have the priority and the checking step finds that the second memory card is inserted in the second card slot,

wherein the second card slot is a card slot other than the first checked card slot in which the first memory card is inserted, and

wherein, in a case where the first memory card is inserted in the first checked card slot but the second memory card is not inserted in the second card slot and the first checked card slot has been set as inaccessible, the first checked card slot in which the first memory card is inserted is reset as the accessible card slot.

41. to 42. (Canceled)

43. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 34, further comprising a printer configured to print an image based on the data read out from the memory card read by the reading unit.

44. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 43, further comprising an operation panel configured to accept a user operation, wherein the printer prints the image based on the data read out from the memory card by the reading unit when the operation panel accepts a user operation for printing of the data in the memory card.